

## Senate Resolution 1104

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Reed of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Donald (Don) G. Allen; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with  
3 the passing of Don Allen on March 3, 2007; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen, born on September 22, 1956, in Jamaica, West Indies to Oswald and  
5 Albertine Allen, was the fifth of six children and the only son; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he migrated to the United States in the 1980's, working during the day and  
7 attending classes at night; and
- 8 WHEREAS, while attending college he became very involved in his home church and the  
9 church community and during the 1980's he was one of the founders of Victory Bible  
10 Fellowship Church in Miami, Florida, and was ordained as a minister in 1994; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he graduated from the College of Art, Science, and Technology with a major  
12 in business; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he also acquired an insurance license and became a successful broker,  
14 eventually opening two insurance offices; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Don married his wife, Clarietha, in 1990, and gained a step-daughter; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he founded the Georgia Employee Federation in 2001 to provide support and  
17 advocacy for employees injured on the job, the disabled, low-income workers, and those  
18 disenfranchised without a voice, and he was a stalwart defender of and advocate for human  
19 rights; and

1 WHEREAS, in the latter years of his life, he wrote many songs reflecting the injustice in our  
2 society, and he has left a legacy of social justice songs that will influence and impact our  
3 world; and

4 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
5 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his  
6 many years of superlative service; and

7 WHEREAS, this singular gentleman was a person of magnanimous strengths with an  
8 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
10 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mr. Donald (Don) G. Allen  
11 and commend him for a lifetime of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
12 service.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Donald (Don) G. Allen.